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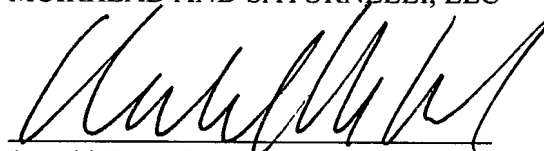
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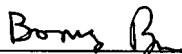
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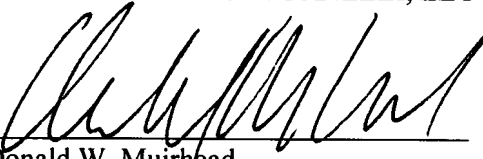
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Reason 1

[Claim 1]

- Cited Reference 1

- Remarks:

It is suggested in the Embodiment [section] of Cited Reference 1 (especially in [0018]) that two straight lines prescribed by the forces of two linear motors substantially cross a vertical straight line passing through the center of gravity of a single identical moving part. As in the invention of Claim 1 of the present application, causing the above-mentioned two straight lines to coincide with the height of the above-mentioned center of gravity position in the invention described in Cited Reference 1 cannot be seen as something that newly produces any particularly significant effect at this time, judging from the description of the specification of the present application, and is therefore nothing more than a matter within the range of simple design matters.

[Text omitted – Translator]

Table of Cited References, etc.

1. Japanese Patent Application Kokai No. H11-008263

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- Field surveyed: IPC H01L21/60

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